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FIRST PERSON



Felicia Levine finds little humor in her first name now being thought of as a punch line. CONTRIBUTED

This Felicia is fed up!

Writer wants to bid adieu to being a pop culture punchline.

By Felicia Levine
Special to The Palm Beach Post

I used to love going to Starbucks – until I found out my name was part of a punchline.

It happened not long ago when, after calling out my name and handing me my order, the barista added, with what I thought was a tiny smirk, “Bye, Felicia” – and all the other patrons laughed.

Not sure if I was being paranoid, I mentioned the encounter to a friend – who directed me down the Google rabbit hole of why “Bye, Felicia” is now the quintessential diss.

The phrase first became popular as the ultimate brush-off when Ice Cube uttered the immortal line in his hit 1995 comedy “Friday.”

In the iconic scene that launched a million insults, Ice Cube’s character, Craig Jones, nonchalantly dismisses the annoying neighborhood crack addict who’s always asking to borrow stuff with a disdainful, “Bye, Felicia.” Thus

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STAYCATION

A LUXE & SASSY MAKEOVER



Designer Jonathan Adler wanted to bring the outside in, so he chose a palette of white, blue and yellow.



Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa tapped designer Jonathan Adler to redesign the Manalapan hotel’s guest rooms and suites. “Palm Beach is, to me, lemon sorbet for my soul,” Adler says. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Manalapan’s Eau Palm Beach gets fresher Florida look from designer Jonathan Adler.

By Staci Sturrock
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

We’re approaching our room at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, and the geometric-patterned carpet in the hotel’s newly renovated corridors is already casting a spell on my boyfriend.

“I love this carpet. It looks like the floor is undulating!” (What can I say? The man loves an optical illusion.) Once we settle in our

fourth-floor quarters, the space’s stirring blend of ocean blues, plush touches and playful artwork immediately wins me over.

And when we step onto our oceanview balcony, outfitted with chairs that spell out “Peace” and “Love” in wrought iron, well, it’s game, set, match.

Eau owes the lively new look of its hallways and 309 guest rooms to pot-ter-turned-designer Jonathan

HOT SEASONAL HOTEL DEALS

What’s new at The Breakers, Four Seasons and other Palm Beach County resorts? **PAGE F13**

Adler, a regular at the Manalapan resort’s spa as well as a neighbor.

He and his husband, Simon Doonan – the author, bon vivant and Barney’s creative ambassador – maintain a Palm Beach condo less than four miles away.

It’s a home away from their Greenwich Village apartment that Adler doesn’t get to enjoy that often.

“I’m both blessed and cursed in that I travel constantly. I’m always in a hotel

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INTRODUCING ... THE PALM BEACH BOOK FESTIVAL

Love books? Come meet one writer’s famous friends

Best-selling authors coming to town – thanks to their pal Lois Cahall.

By Jan Tuckwood
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Author Lois Cahall spent much of her professional life bumping elbows with Manhattan’s literati and cruising red carpets with actor pals like Mark Ruffalo and Colin Firth.

Her novel “Plan C: Just in Case” became a global best-seller, and her personal relationships with award-winning writers landed her at celeb-packed Hollywood parties, even the Oscars.

That glitzy life shifted into tropical gear in 2012, when she moved to West Palm Beach to launch a

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Lois Cahall, co-founder of the upcoming Palm Beach Book Festival, sits with the Helen Gurley Brown book “Having It All,” along with more of her collection at her home in West Palm Beach. RICHARD GRAULICH / THE PALM BEACH POST

PALM BEACH BOOK FESTIVAL

What: A one-day festival featuring top authors, who will discuss women’s literature, mysteries, how to get published and more.

When: April 11

Where: Panels, book signings and meet and greets with the authors will be from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Norton Museum of Art, and the cocktail party that evening (with speech by James Patterson) will be at The Colony Hotel in Palm Beach.

Who: Who’s coming? See box on Page F13.

Tickets: Day pass to Norton events is \$75. Cocktail party, \$200. Go to [palmbeachbookfestival.com](#) for more info and to buy tickets.

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